

Grand Valley State University

Minutes of the University Academic Senate

April 22, 2005

Present: Charles Baker-Clark, Yatin Bhagwat, Agnes Britton, Doug Busman, Jay Cooper, Rob Franciosi (Chair), Richard Hall, Hugh Jack, Gayla Jewell, Brian Kingshott, Paul Leidig, George Lundskow, Neil McDonald, Sue Martin (ex officio), Kristine Mullendore (Vice Chair), Jean Nagelkerk (ex officio), Karen Novotny, John Peck, Paul Plotkowski (ex officio), Lisa Rigsby, Bill Rogers, Ellen Schendel, Don Williams

Guests: Maria Cimitile, John Reynolds

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decisions
1. Approval of Agenda	The agenda of April 22, 2005 was reviewed.	The agenda of April 22, 2005 was approved.
2. Approval of Minutes	No Minutes.	
3. Report of Chair	<p>a) The Chair announced the election results for the 2005-06 Academic year. Rob Franciosi was re-elected Chair, and Karen Novotny was elected Vice-Chair.</p> <p>b) The Chair reported that he attended the last Board of Trustees meeting and presented an update on Faculty Governance activities.</p>	
4. Report of Provost	<p>a) Provost Davis reported that the Board of Trustees summer meeting is scheduled for early July, at which time the university budget will be approved. She also reported that EAP and Faculty members contracted for 12 months will have pay raises effective August 6, 2005.</p> <p>b) Provost Davis reported that at the Board of Trustees withdrew the charter for the Advantage Charter School at their meeting of April 22, 2005, effective at the end of the school year.</p>	
5. Report of Student Senate	No Report	
6. Report of Standing Committee Chairs	No Report	
7. New Business	<p>a) <u>Medical Benefits Update</u> Maria Cimitile, Chair of the Faculty Salary & Budget Committee (FSBC), presented an overview of the proposed changes to the medical benefit plans. She reported that FSBC cannot endorse the proposed changes without data supporting the requested increase in premiums, in what amounts to be an increase of 10% over a three-year span.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Cimitile also reported that when FSBC sent a memo to the Provost's 	

Office earlier in the year asking that salary compensation be prioritized, they were not aware of the proposed medical benefit premium increases. FSBC now requests that the entire compensation package be addressed as a whole, and expects to continue discussion with HR over the summer months.

- FSBC is the only group to-date that has reviewed the proposed changes.
- Dr. Cimitile presented an end-of-semester report on the FSBC activities over the past year, and will keep the ECS Chair apprised of any changes.

Provost Davis commended Dr. Cimitile for her work on FSBC this year.

b) CLAS Governance Structure

The Chair provided a brief overview of the proposed CLAS governance structure for the Election and Membership Procedures for CLAS Committees, the CLAS Personnel Committee, the CLAS Curriculum Committee, the CLAS Faculty Council, and the CLAS Faculty Development Committee. It was noted that anything in the CLAS personnel policy that violates University policy must be changed to comply. Discussion.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the governance structure(s) proposed by the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences for the Election and Membership Procedures for CLAS Committees, the CLAS Personnel Committee, the CLAS Curriculum Committee, the CLAS Faculty Council, and the CLAS Faculty Development Committee, with the understanding that anything in the CLAS Personnel Policy that is later determined to violate University policy must be changed to comply.

c) University Library Task Force Report

The University Library Task Force Report was distributed for review. A motion was made and seconded to endorse the University Library Task Force Report and forward the report to Administration. Discussion.

A motion was made and seconded to commend the University Library Task Force members for their hard work and the comprehensive report produced.

MOTION: UAS accepts the governance structure(s) proposed by the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences for the Election and Membership Procedures for CLAS Committees, the CLAS Personnel Committee, the CLAS Curriculum Committee, the CLAS Faculty Council, and the CLAS Faculty Development Committee, with the understanding that anything in the CLAS Personnel Policy that is later determined to violate University policy must be changed to comply.

APPROVED: Unanimously

MOTION: UAS endorses the University Library Task Force Report and recommends forwarding the report to Administration.

APPROVED: Unanimously

MOTION: UAS commends the University Library Task Force members for their hard work and the comprehensive report produced.

APPROVED: Unanimously

d) University Assessment Committee Philosophy & Policies
John Reynolds, Chair of the University Assessment Committee (UAC) presented an overview of the Assessment Philosophy and Policies report that was approved at the UAC on 4/18/05.

A motion was made and seconded to endorse the Assessment Philosophy and Policies report from the University Assessment Committee.
Discussion.

The Provost reported that a decision has been made to not use the AQIP model for the upcoming accreditation.

e) Vision and Mission Statement of Faculty Governance
The proposed Vision and Mission Statement of Faculty Governance approved at ECS was distributed for review. The text reads:

VISION

University Academic Governance provides leadership to ensure excellence in Grand Valley State University's undergraduate and graduate programs. A proactive governance body, it seeks to sustain its position as an exemplary model to facilitate academic initiatives and to advocate for human, financial, and physical resources necessary for their success.

To establish and to support educational excellence, faculty governance fosters communication among constituents and stakeholders at GVSU, as well as with external communities.

MISSION

Faculty Governance is the primary advocate for faculty and provides leadership in fostering excellence in educational programs, policies and standards.

After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to accept the Vision and Mission Statement of Faculty Governance approved at ECS, as amended at this meeting. The text now reads:

VISION

Faculty Governance provides leadership to foster excellence in Grand Valley State University's undergraduate and graduate programs. A proactive governance body, it facilitates academic initiatives and advocates for human, financial, and physical resources necessary for their success.

To establish and to support educational excellence, faculty governance fosters communication among constituents and stakeholders at GVSU, as well as with external communities.

MOTION: UAS endorses the Assessment Philosophy and Policies report from the University Assessment Committee.
APPROVED: Unanimously

MOTION: UAS accepts the Vision and Mission Statement of Faculty Governance approved at ECS, as amended at this meeting. The text now reads:

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The Faculty Governance process provides leadership to foster excellence in Grand Valley State University's undergraduate and graduate programs. A proactive governance body, it facilitates academic initiatives and

	<p><u>MISSION</u> Faculty Governance is the primary advocate for faculty and provides leadership in fostering excellence in educational programs, policies and standards.</p>	<p>advocates for human, financial, and physical resources necessary for their success.</p> <p>To establish and to support educational excellence, faculty governance fosters communication among constituents and stakeholders at GVSU, as well as with external communities.</p> <p><u>MISSION</u> Faculty Governance is the primary advocate for faculty and provides leadership in fostering excellence in educational programs, policies and standards.</p> <p>APPROVED: 18 yes, 1 no</p>
8. Ideas for Future Fora	<p>The Goals that were identified at a previous meeting will be condensed and presented at another meeting.</p>	
10. Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Workload equity and enlarging regular faculty ▪ The next level ▪ Graduate versus Undergraduate <p>Meeting adjourned at 5:00pm</p>	